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"There is absolutely no doubt that those who are heavy viewers of **[media] violence** demonstrate increased acceptance of aggressive attitudes and increased aggressive **behavior**."

In the following viewpoint Ed Donnerstein argues that although **media violence** may not be the most important contributor to **violent behavior**, it has been proven to have an adverse impact on viewers. If the **violence** is depicted in a glamorous, sanitized, or routine manner, as it frequently is on television and in movies, it sends the message that **violence** is a desirable way to solve problems, he contends. Ed Donnerstein is dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Arizona. As you read, consider the following questions:

1. What did the office of the surgeon general of the United States conclude about **media violence**?

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